GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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SUBSTANDARD SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered against the seed and fertilizers companies for supplying substandard seeds and fertilizers in the country, State-wise particularly in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the action taken against these companies; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide good quality of seeds and fertilizers to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): The State Governments are adequately empowered to take necessaryaction under Seeds Act, Seed and Fertilizer Control Order against dealers who violate these legal instruments. The action taken on account of non-standard fertilizer samples and seed samples drawn by the Inspectors during the last three years by the Government of U.P. and Delhi are as follows:

Fertilizers:

Uttar Pradesh Delhi

Year	No. of Sample analyzed	Found sub-stadard	FIR/Prosecution launched
1997-98	12419	1766	237 Not reported
1998-99	10200	1481	248 Not reported
1999-2000	3761	485	62 Not reported

Seeds

Uttar Pradesh

Year	No. of cases Filed in the Court of Law	No. of cases decided by the Court of Law in which fine and (or) Imprisonment awarded	No. of cases pending in the Court of Law
1997-98	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
1998-99	8	-	8
1999-2000	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported

Delhi

1997-98	Nil	-	4 (previous year cases)
1998-99	1	-	8 (including previous year cases)
1999-2000	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported

(c): Funds have been provided under various Centrally Sponsored and Central sector crop development programs and Quality Control Scheme for making available good quality seeds and fertilizer to the farmers.